

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on February 16, 2017 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 203, 2/7/2017; SJ 12 2/9/2017
Executive Action: SJ 11-Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 203

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Sen. Nels Swandal (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 203, Revise laws related to boarding animals.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:20 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorneys Association

00:10:16 Ingrid Rosenquist, senior deputy county attorney, Yellowstone County (YC), Billings

EXHIBIT(jus34a01)

00:18:13 Ashley Wilkinson, prosecutor, Cascade County, Great Falls; vice president, Electric City Pittie Committee

00:22:20 Cory Swanson, Broadwater County attorney (BC)

00:28:31 Laura Obert, commissioner, Broadwater County; also for Wynn Meehan, Broadwater County Sheriff

00:33:32 Stacey Gordon, attorney, board member, Humane Society of Western Montana; Chair, Legislative and Advocacy Committee, Humane Society of Western Montana, Missoula

00:34:54 Marta Pierpoint, executive director, Humane Society of Western Montana (HSWM), Missoula

00:41:22 Wendy Anderson, director of Operations, Tobacco Valley Animal Shelter, Eureka; Lincoln County Animal Shelter, Libby

00:43:21 Cliff Bennett, director, Flathead County Animal Shelter (FCAS), Kalispell

EXHIBIT(jus34a02)

00:45:34 Stephen Leach, executive director, Stafford Animal Shelter, Livingston

EXHIBIT(jus34a03)

00:47:18 Gina Wiest, executive director, Lewis and Clark Humane Society, Helena

00:50:15 Kathi Hooper, director, Lincoln County Health Department, Libby

00:51:14 Jeff Zwang, deputy county attorney, Lincoln County, Libby

00:52:59 Jerry Bennett, county commissioner, Lincoln County, Libby

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:31 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:58:05 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation; also for Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:43 Sen. Vincent

01:04:17 Sen. Swandal
01:06:04 Mr. Swanson, BC
01:06:41 Sen. Vincent
01:06:47 Mr. Swanson
01:07:08 Sen. Vincent
01:07:16 Sen. Swandal
01:09:30 Sen. Vincent
01:10:21 Ms. Pierpoint, HSWM
01:11:17 Sen. Hinebauch
01:12:18 Mr. Bennett, FCAS
01:13:58 Chairman Regier
01:14:04 Sen. Hinebauch
01:14:24 Sen. MacDonald
01:15:26 Ms. Rosenquist, YC
01:18:53 Sen. Gross
01:19:11 Ms. Rosenquist
01:21:24 Sen. Gross
01:21:41 Sen. Swandal

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:33 Sen. Swandal

HEARING ON SJ 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:22 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SJ 12, Resolution for selection and instruction of commissioners for Art. V convention.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:31:21 Ed Butcher, self, Winifred
01:37:44 Chairman Regier
01:38:00 Roger Nummerdor, self, Helena
01:42:40 Ed Regan, self, Townsend

[EXHIBIT\(jus34a04\)](#)

01:51:46 Eldon Stahl, self, Billings
02:00:27 Claudette Morton, volunteer chair, Public Policy Committee, Montana League of Women Voters

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:03:00 Sen. Sales
02:03:50 Sen. Kary
02:04:15 Chairman Regier
02:04:27 Mr. Butcher, self
02:05:26 Sen. Fielder
02:06:32 Sen. Kary
02:10:30 Sen. Hinkle
02:10:46 Sen. Kary

Closing by Sponsor:

02:14:46 Sen. Kary

02:16:09 Chairman Regier
02:16:44 President Sales

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 11

02:19:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SJ 11 DO PASS**. Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Gross, Sen. MacDonald and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

02:20:51 Sen. Hinebauch

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:21 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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